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Dear ENERGY STAR® Ceiling Fan Partners and Other Interested Parties,

We are currently working on a new Draft ceiling fan specification, which should be completed by the end of September. Discussions during the Ceiling Fan Partner and Industry Meeting in Dallas provided excellent feedback on the current specification as well as good insight into what the Tier II requirements should consist of in terms of levels and needed clarifications.

Call for Comments

To ensure that the specification revision process is transparent to all interested parties, EPA would like to post all written comments from manufacturers and third parties on the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site. Specifically, comments will be available for review by visiting www.energystar.gov/products, clicking on Products in Development, and selecting Ceiling Fans from the drop down menu.

A number of you provided comments during the meeting, however, we are now asking for written comments (i.e. memo or email). If you have already submitted comments, they will not be posted without your permission; you will be contacted soon regarding your submission. When submitting comments, you have the choice as to whether or not you would like them to be posted anonymously or attributed to yourself or your company. Lastly, if you would like to submit comments but do not want them posted to the Web site, please indicate so.

Comments should be sent to Rebecca Miller, ICF Consulting, by email at mmiller@icfconsulting.com or by mail at: 1850 K Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20006. Interested parties should submit all comments by Friday, September 13, 2002. Please note that you will also have an opportunity to comment on the Draft specification once it is released.

Noise Research Initiated

We have contacted a number of existing noise testing laboratories and are initiating discussions regarding a possible ceiling fan noise testing procedure and specification. If you would like to participate in these discussions, join our Noise Working Group. Contact Rebecca Miller by phone at (202) 862-1266 or by email at rmiller@icfconsulting.com to sign up.

Your input is extremely important to the specification revision process. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

Thanks for your continued support of ENERGY STAR!